

winning the 2004 Division I Men's and Women's NCAA Basketball Championships; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 50

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 188

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 188, a bill to impose a moratorium on the implementation of datamining under the Total Information Awareness program of the Department of Defense and any similar program of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to leave no child behind.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 859

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 859, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV and other diseases.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 1091

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide funding

for student loan repayment for public attorneys.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to provide health care professionals with immediate relief from increased medical malpractice insurance costs and to deal with the root causes of the current medical malpractice insurance crisis.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1645, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to place reasonable limitations on the use of surveillance and the issuance of search warrants, and for other purposes.

S. 1793

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to provide for college quality, affordability, and diversity, and for other purposes.

S. 1873

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1873, a bill to require employees at a call center who either initiate or receive telephone calls to disclose the physical location of such employees, and for other purposes.

S. 2106

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2106, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide capital gains treatment for certain self-created musical works.

S. 2130

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2130, a bill to contain the costs of the medicare pre-

scription drug program under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2158

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2158, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, and to provide for better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation.

S. 2200

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2200, a bill to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Laos.

S. 2207

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2207, a bill to improve women's access to health care services, and the access of all individuals to emergency and trauma care services, by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of such services.

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2207, *supra*.

S. 2208

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2208, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reduce the amounts of reclamation fees, to modify requirements relating to transfers from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 2236

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2236, a bill to enhance the reliability of the electric system.

S. 2238

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2238, a bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made.

S. 2258

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2258, a bill to revise certain requirements for H-2B employers for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

S. 2267

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2267, a bill to amend section 29(k) of the Small Business Act to establish funding priorities for women's business centers.

S. 2268

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Wyoming

(Mr. THOMAS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2268, a bill to provide for recruiting, training, and deputizing persons for the Federal flight deck officer program.

S. 2270

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2270, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 2286

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2286, a bill to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia.

S.J. RES. 30

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 30, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution designating the second week in May each year as "National Visiting Nurse Association Week".

S. CON. RES. 72

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 72, a concurrent resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps and voicing the appreciation of Congress regarding the service of the members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II.

S. CON. RES. 90

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 90, a concurrent resolution expressing the Sense of the Congress regarding negotiating, in the United States-Thailand Free Trade Agreement, access to the United States automobile industry.

S. RES. 221

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 221, a resolution recognizing National Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the importance and accomplishments of historically Black colleges and universities.

S. RES. 311

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 311, a resolution calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 326

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 326, a resolution condemning ethnic violence in Kosovo.

S. RES. 328

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 328, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the continued human rights violations committed by Fidel Castro and the Government of Cuba.

S. RES. 332

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 332, a resolution observing the tenth anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide of 1994.

AMENDMENT NO. 2649

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2649 intended to be proposed to S. 1637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3022

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3022 intended to be proposed to S. 1637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3023

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3023 intended to be proposed to S. 1637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENT ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. MILLER, Mr.

DEWINE, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2290. A bill to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes; read the first time.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce with my colleague, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Mr. HATCH, a bill relating to an issue I talked a lot on the floor about this morning and yesterday, and that is the issue of asbestos litigation reform.

This is an issue I have taken great pain to outline over the last several weeks because it is an issue that has been addressed in committee. It is an issue we looked at, debated, talked about, and discussed in a bipartisan way since that point in time. It is now time to take some action to continue the progress that has been made today.

It is on asbestos—an asbestos injury resolution act. Today, we introduce a substitute bill to S. 1125, which is the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act, which was reported out of the Judiciary Committee.

I thank my colleague, Chairman HATCH, for getting S. 1125 through the Judiciary Committee last July where, among many other successes, he led a major bipartisan solution in committee on the linchpin criteria issue of the medical criteria. S. 1125, as reported out of committee, provided a solid, reasonable solution to the asbestos litigation crisis. It had numerous consensus-building changes all made at the request of people both on the committee, Democrats, and also representatives of organized labor.

Since that time, there have been continued negotiations, and there have been more agreements in improving the bill as reported.

Special thanks go to a whole number of people, including Senator SPECTER and Judge Edward Becker who have both greatly improved and addressed the many issues on the administrative side of this bill.

I thank many Members. I thank the ranking minority member, Senator LEAHY, and the efforts of my Democratic colleagues and many stakeholders who have contributed greatly to the underlying bill with discussions and negotiations since that point in time. All have been very involved in improving the legislation.

I believe it is time—indeed, we are taking this action today—to further the effort of putting forward a constructive bill which addresses many of the concerns that people are talking about but now we will have it as a bill.

To postpone this any longer, even though people keep coming forward and saying, I have another idea, I don't think will bring this to conclusion, and thus we introduce the bill today.

To push toward a solution, we are providing a substitute bill even though we will not bring this bill to the floor until after the April recess.